



Mission of the Utah Children's Justice Centers

Utah's Children's Justice Centers provide a child-friendly atmosphere designed to help children feel safe and comfortable while they are being interviewed regarding alleged abuse.

Audio and video equipment is used to preserve the interview for evidence and reduce the need for multiple interviews.

Serving Utah's Children

The centers were originally established to serve children 17 years of age or younger who are victims of alleged sexual or physical abuse. In recent years, there has been an increased demand for services for other crimes involving children, such as domestic violence, drug endangerment, and Internet exploitation.

A Private/Public Partnership

Children's Justice Centers are private/public partnerships funded through numerous sources:

- ◆ State/Legislative Funding
- ◆ Federal Funding
- ◆ Local Government Support
- ◆ National Children's Alliance
- ◆ Government and Foundation Grants
- ◆ Community Donations
- ◆ Volunteer Programs

The Utah Legislature funds a substantial portion of the operating costs, but communities provide the building and furnishings to create a homelike atmosphere.

Child-Friendly Facility

Each center is designed to make children feel comfortable and safe when they are meeting with investigators and team members about allegations of abuse.

Multi-disciplinary Team Investigation

Professionals from several different agencies collaborate on each child's case. This team approach increases coordination among child protection and criminal justice agencies, allowing them to track a child's progress through the investigative and judicial process.

Forensic Interviews

Specially trained professionals talk to children about the alleged abuse they have experienced. The goal is to minimize trauma to the child by reducing the number of times a child must talk about his or her experiences.

Medical Examinations

Centers have on-site examination rooms or a local medical professional to collect evidence and safeguard children's health.

Support Services

The centers provide abused children and their families with referrals for support services, such as therapy, medical care, and victim resources.

Professional Training

Multi-disciplinary teams receive ongoing training to ensure that Utah's children receive the most professional care possible.



Utah's Children's Justice Centers

Cache County
(435) 753-7017

Carbon County
(435) 637-0281

Davis County
(801) 451-3560

Duchesne County
(435) 722-5164

Emery County
(435) 637-0281

Grand County
(435) 259-3680

Iron County
(435) 867-4275

Salt Lake Avenues
(801) 355-0781

Salt Lake South Valley
(801) 566-3868

Tooele County
(435) 843-1161

Uintah/Daggett County
(435) 781-0105

Utah County
(801) 851-8554

Wasatch/Summit County
(435) 657-1000

Washington County
(435) 634-1134

Weber/Morgan County
(801) 778-6261



How do I report child abuse?

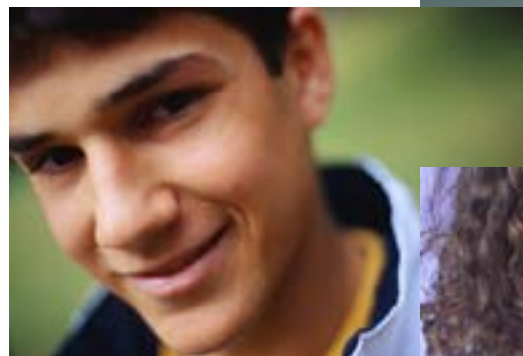
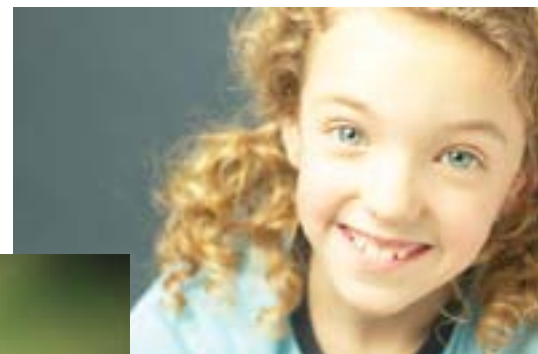
To report child abuse, contact your local police department, sheriff's office, or call the Division of Child and Family Services at 1-800-678-9399.

How can I help Utah's Children's Justice Centers?

Citizens can support Children's Justice Centers in two very important ways:

- ◆ You can make a tax-deductible contribution to your local center.
- ◆ You can contact your local center to learn about volunteer opportunities.

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